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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant: Ichihara et al.
Serial No.: 10/045,738
Conf. No.: 9722
Filed: October 29, 2001
For: INFORMATION RECORDING AND
REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND
METHOD AND SIGNAL DECODING
CIRCUIT HAVING IMPROVED NOISE
PROCESSING CHARACTERISTICS (as
amended)
Art Unit: 2651
Examiner: Faber, Alan

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a communication regarding the above-identified application.

Fee Calculation For Claims As Amended

	As Amended	Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims	99 -	99 =	0 x	\$18.00 =	\$
Independent Claims	9 -	9 =	0 x	\$84.00 =	\$
Fee for Multiple Dependent Claims				\$280.00 =	\$
Total Additional Fee					\$ 0.00

(X) Amendment A.

(X) Petition for Extension of Time with a check for \$430.00.

(X) If a Petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) for an extension of time for response is required to make the attached response timely and does not separately accompany this transmittal, Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) for an extension of time for response in the above-identified application for the period required to make the attached response timely.

(X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-2069. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

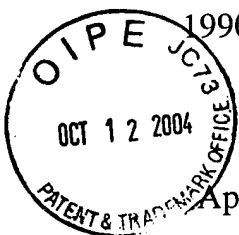
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AMENDMENT A

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 6, 2004, please amend the above-identified Application as follows: